

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on November 1, 2016 at 9:35 pm.

The meeting opened with a Pledge to the Flag. Present were Mayor Thomas J. Tweedy, Trustees Kevin M. Fitzgerald, Dominick A. Longobardi, Lynn Pombonyo and Archie T. Cheng, Village Administrator Gerard M. Bambrick, Village Clerk Susan E. Walsh, Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister, Building Inspector Kevin Bové and Village Attorney John E. Ryan.

Superintendent of Public Works and Building Department Stephen Siwinski was absent from the meeting.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2016-250 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable consisting of the following:

General Fund	\$ 899,074.26
Swimming Pool	\$ 594,861.03
Community Development	\$ 0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,493,935.29

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Longobardi and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

On motion by Trustee Longobardi, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Floral Park American Legion Post 334 to hold the Veterans Day Parade at Memorial Park on Friday, November 11, 2016 assembling at the Atlantic Avenue Extension at approximately 10:30 am and proceeding along Tulip Avenue to Memorial Park for ceremonies.

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2016-251 authorizing the Mayor to sign letters of indemnification for PSE&G and Verizon for the Village's installation, display and, removal of holiday lights and decorations on poles of PSE&G and Verizon during the Holiday season.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Cheng and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Floral Park-Bellerose and John Lewis Childs Schools' PROBE students to use the courtroom on Tuesday, January 10 and Friday, January 13, 2017 at 10:00 am for a mock trial.

### Fire Department

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that during the month of October, the Floral Park Volunteer Fire Department responded to 134 calls, including 97 EMS calls, 6 motor vehicle accidents and 10 carbon monoxide alarm system activation calls.

Trustee Fitzgerald reminded residents that the end of daylight savings time is on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to change your clocks and change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

Trustee Fitzgerald thanked residents who came out to support the Deputy Mayor Jim Rhatigan 5K race held in his honor. Trustee Fitzgerald thanked Village Clerk Susan Walsh, Darlene Lanza and the Department of Public Works and their staff for their hard work.

### Building Department

Trustee Pombonyo reported that the Building Department is continuing with a focus on a small number of properties that appear to be abandoned or are in severe disrepair. The Building Department is following up on, monitoring and taking whatever action is possible to remedy these situations. Because locating the property owners and identifying mortgage lending institutions (which are often not local) often takes considerable time and investigation, this is a challenging process.

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, New York State's 2016 Zombie Property and Foreclosure Prevention Legislation will go into effect. This law applies to vacant and abandoned one- to four-family residential properties, and requires loan servicers to inspect, secure and maintain mortgage-delinquent properties that have become vacant and abandoned. Included are inspection, registration and expedited mortgage foreclosure requirements. In addition the Village of Floral Park will also look into the possibility of local laws that will be applicable and useful in our neighborhoods.

### Library

Trustee Pombonyo said that coming on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, will be the Second Annual Family Mini Comic Con from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Library. Featured will be Bat Man, Darth Vader and others, face painting and caricatures. Our Floral Park families are invited to this fun-filled, entertaining event at our Library.

### Department of Public Works

Trustee Cheng thanked the Department of Public Works for all their hard work preparing for the portrait unveiling for Jim Rhatigan on October 29<sup>th</sup>. He said it was a dignified ceremony and was happy to have been a part of it.

Public Works crews have completed painting the Police Department; carpeting is being installed in the Library; and they are busy clearing the streets of leaves.

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Tweedy thanked Village Clerk Susan Walsh and Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick for their hard work in putting together the ceremony at Village Hall on October 29<sup>th</sup> honoring former Deputy Mayor James Rhatigan who passed away last year. It was a very dignified ceremony attended by the Board of Trustees, friends and Jim's family who greatly appreciated this tribute. Mayor Tweedy said residents are welcome to stop by the Village Hall lobby to view the many photographs of our dear friend. Jim will always be remembered for his devoted service to our Village.

Mayor Tweedy reported that one of the last Superstorm Sandy lights was repaired over last week. The light at Aspen and Floral Parkway was separated from the pole which needed replacement. The pole was eventually replaced, the light was remounted and service was restored, but did not start up. This particular light was an older model and parts were hard to come by. Greg Westcott of Go West Electric rebuilt the light, yet the lens and the frame holding that lens were broken during the storm. Greg informed us that the frame and lens were out of stock and try as he might a trim kit could not be obtained. Mayor Tweedy asked our former Village Electrician, George Gustafsson of Gustafsson Electric, if he could check his inventory and see if there was one in his possession. George called the Mayor in August and told him he had a trim kit and George graciously and without hesitation offered the frame and lens to the Village at no charge. Greg Westcott and Steve Siwinski saw to it that this fixture, the last Sandy fixture, was completed. Mayor Tweedy thanked Greg Westcott of Go West Electric, Steve Siwinski for his interceding and all he did with our Sandy Recovery, but especially to lifelong Floral Park resident and former Village Electrician George Gustafsson for taking his time, to search and find the parts needed and generously giving them to the Village. Thanks George.

The ARB just approved the design for the two residential lots behind the new 7-11 on Jericho Turnpike at Irving Avenue. This subdivision was the dual responsibility of the ARB and the Village Board. From the outset, this project has had its fair share of critics and naysayers, but now less than two years later, we have a beautiful, successful store which fulfilled every promise: they maintain the property well, including emptying the garbage cans when full, hire from the community and are a corporate supporter of our youth programs. Now this site will soon be fully built out. The former abandoned building and poorly maintained property has become a great asset to the North End. In an agreement with the Village Board, the developer of the 7-11 donated the information kiosk located in the new Emerson Triangle Park and we have the best looking 7-11 around! The value of \$1.5 M of property sales combined with a minimum of \$1.2 million in construction with three new properties replacing the eyesore that was the old Sizzler property speaks to the effective and open process that is shared among the Building Department, the Architectural Review Board, the Developer and the Village Board. Mayor Tweedy again thanked all those who made this process so successful. This clearly illustrates how valuable doing business in Floral Park is and how desirable building and living in Floral Park continues to be.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, Mayor Tweedy recessed the meeting at 9:45 pm.

The Mayor stated the Village Board Meeting would continue in his office with Department Heads after a brief recess and the public is invited to attend.

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On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, Mayor Tweedy recessed the meeting at 9:50 pm.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2016-252 introducing Local Law 06 of 2016 amending the Ethics Policy.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Cheng and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-253 determining that proposed Local Law No. 06 of 2016 is a Type II action as that term is defined in SEQRA.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Pombonyo and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-254 authorizing the Mayor to sign the MOA regarding the CSEA Benefit Fund (Vision Plan) offered to retired member of the CSEA #569 Supervisor's Unit.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Cheng and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2016-255 authorizing payment to Michael Stevens, pursuant to the CSEA's Collective Bargaining Agreement for the five vacation days he was entitled to from 2015 as he had completed 10 years of service in the amount of \$1,008.81.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-256 authorizing the repair of a parked vehicle that was damaged by a DPW vehicle estimated in the amount of \$1,465.00.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Pombonyo and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-257 granting a permit to House Hunters to film in front of Fallon's on Saturday, November 3, 2016 at 1:00 pm, permitting one parked vehicle and one camera man to film for approximately one hour for a fee in the amount of \$50.00.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce to use Memorial Park on Friday December 2, 2016 from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm to host a festival with approximately nine vendors and in coordination with Our Lady of Victory Church and the Jr. Woman's Club Tree Lighting event. Permission was also granted to display banners in front of Centennial Hall and by Sewanhaka High School, pending the receipt of all required insurance certificates.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Jr. Woman's Club to use Memorial Park on Friday, December 2, 2016 from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm to hold their annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, pending the receipt of a certificate of liability insurance.

On motion by Trustee Longobardi, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Police Officer Dean Mayo to use Firefighter's Hall on Thursday, December 8, 2016 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon to conduct departmental weapons maintenance training.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2016-258 granting permission to Sergeant Thomas McCarthy to participate in the Part 3 Session of LEEDA from November 14-17, 2016 in the amount of \$650.00.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Pombonyo and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye

Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-259 authorizing a refund to M. O'Donnell for Yoga classes which she was unable to attend in the amount of \$45.00.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Pombonyo and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

There being no further business, Mayor Tweedy closed the meeting at 11:20 pm.

Susan E. Walsh  
Village Clerk